(d) Question does not arise.

Red Jungle Fowls

2323. SHRI DILIP SINGH JUDEV: Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state:

(a) the names of the States where Red Jungle Fowls (Jungli Murga) are found;

(b) whether there is a sharp line in the number of Red Jungle Fowls and this bird comes under the category of endangered species;

(c) if so, the action being taken by the Wild Life Institute, Dehradun for their protection and study in this regard; and

(d) the number of such Red Jungle Fowls in the forest areas of Chhattisgarh alongwith the details of their inhabitation?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS (SHRI NAMO NARAIN MEENA): (a) Red Jungle Fowl has a very wide distribution and is mainly found in the States of Andhra Predesh (Northern Parts), Arunachal Pradesh, Assam, Bihar, Chhattisgarh, Delhi, Haryana, Himachal Predesh, Jammu and Kashmir (Jammu Region), Jharkhand, Madhya Predesh, Meghalaya, Mizoram, Orissa, Punjab, Uttar Pradesh, Uttaranchal and West Bengal.

(b) No scientific study on population estimate of Red Jungle Fowl is available. However, on the basis of lesser sightings of the bird in its natural habitat, a decline in its population appears to have taken place. Red Jungle Fowl is not an endangered species.

(c) Wildlife Institute of India, Dehardun has taken up a research project on the conservation of Red Jungle Fowl with the objectives of assessing the status and distribution of Red Jungle Fowl in India, identification of pure Red Jungle Fowl population by molecular genetic studies and proposing a conservation action plan for the identified Red Jungle Fowl populations.

(d) No population estimates of Red Jungle Fowl in Chhattisgarh are available. Main areas holding Red Jungle Fowl populations in Chhattisgarh are as follows:—

1. Bhairamgarh Wildilife Sanctuary
2. Indravati Tiger Reserve
3. Pamed Wildlife Sanctuary
4. Udanti Wildlife Sanctuary
5. Sitanadi Wildlife Sanctuary
6. Achanakmar Wildlife Sanctuary
7. Guru Ghasidas Wildlife Sanctuary
8. Tamorpingla Wildlife Sanctuary
9. Badalkhol Wildlife Sanctuary
10. *GomordaWildlife Sanctuary*
11. Barnawaparna Wildlife Sanctuary
12. Kangerghati Wildlife Sanctuary
13. Semarsot Wildlife Sanctuary

Reserved forests in North Eastern Region

2324. SHRI NABAM REBIA: Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to State:

(a) the total area under reserved forests in North Eastern Region, State-wise;

(b) total area under forest coverage in the region, State-wise; and

(c) any move to de-reserve such reserved forests inhabited by the indigenous tribal population from time immemorial to enable them to get land possession certificate etc. from Government?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS (SHRI NAMO NARAIN MEENA): (a) and (b) As per the State of Forest Report, 2003 published by the Forest Survey of India (FSI), the total area under Reserved Forests and under forest cover in North-Eastern Region State-wise are as under: